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TELEGRAMS.

THE SUEZ CANAL.
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSENGER CARRIAGE.—*London, August 28.*
General Wolsey has been sent to Egypt because General Stephenson has declared the expedition impracticable by the Nile route.

The next two direct steamers, with the eighth Government steamer, the *India*, will sail for Calcutta on Aug. 20th, for this port.

The *S. S. India* will sail for this port on the 18th inst.

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The *Saigon*, in an editorial contained in their issue of the 24th inst., states that they have learned from a reliable source that the French Government have finally decided to not vigorously attack China. The Minister, M. Falcouet, has applied to the Governor of Cochin-China to hold in readiness to send to reinforce Admiral Courbet all troops which can be spared from the Colony. The force which has been put at the disposal of the Admiral consists of a battalion and half, about nine hundred men, of infantry of marine, which will be completed in Tonquin and formed into a marching regiment, under the command of Lieut. Col. Bertain-Levillain; one battery of mountain artillery (pieces of 4), and a squad of engineers. A detachment of 4000 gendarmes will also accompany the force.

The Chinese press has been following the short-sighted and reckless policy of telling only good news instead of facts. The *Chungking* paper is no exception to the rule. But having yesterday given an account of the disaster at Fochow, it seems to be overcome with a sense of self-righteousness and gives the following parallel to-day:—An exceptionally honest scholar in Canton took to fortune-telling. He was from another province. When the Indians were unfavourable he said so. His customers called him a fool, refused to pay the fee, and went to those who prophesied smooth things. By and by, however, when events turned out as the honest man predicted, the popular tide turned in his favour, and against the false prophets. Following the above is a statement that over 1000 French have been slain in Tonquin; arms and cannon without number have been seized, and the Chinese army has had a glorious victory.

With reference to the appointment of the new King of Annam, the *Saigon* publishes the following despatch from the French Resident-General at Hue to the Governor of Cochin-China:

Thuan-an, 17th Aug., 1884.

Troops have occupied, during two days, our concession in the citadel. They have requested our assent to nominate the new King. This has been accorded them. The council have proceeded to the nomination and we have advised them in the matter. We have assisted at the coronation, with an escort composed of detachments from each corps. A portion of the escort accompanied us to the entrance of the palace. We entered by the middle gate and for delivering the address and saluting entered by the palace gate reserved for princes. We repeated in our address that the King reigns under our protection. The country is quiet. The new King's name is Ham-ngh.

The following extract from a private letter received here from Amoy refers to a gallant act performed by an officer of H. M. S. ship *Adriatic* during the typhoon, which raged at that port on Friday, the 22nd August:

"At daylight the top of a mast of a vessel was seen above the water, a man holding on to it. It was 10.30 a.m. before any attempt could be made to save him. Her Majesty's ship *Adriatic*, under steam, with two anchors and a sheet anchor down, was about 500 yards from the wreck. The life-boat was veered astern by means of 8 hawsers, each 100 fathoms long. Lieutenant Cassment and two blue jackets got into the life-boat. Cassment had to swim from the life-boat to the mast with a life-buoy. He put the man on to the buoy, and then for some time had to take the poor fellow's place on the mast until the life-buoy could be got back to him. The vessel turned out to be an American schooner which had sunk about 3 a.m. that morning. Had Cassment missed the mast he would probably have been drowned."

The Manager of the Oriental Bank received a telegram this morning to the effect that the shareholders of the bank, who are the shareholders of the bank, will take place on Monday next, the 1st September, and that business will be commenced in London soon afterwards. Applications for shares will be received in Hongkong up to the middle of September.

There appears to have been a mistake made in interpreting the cablegram received here on the 16th August. It seems that depositors in the old Bank may apply 80 per cent of their balances to the purchase of shares in the new Bank, instead of being allowed to deposit 80 per cent of their balances in the old Bank to their credit in the new one, and thus opening an account in the latter. The remaining 20 per cent will be repaid for to those taking shares, as it may be required. We notice that in the *Strait* Times the telegram is correctly interpreted, for our contemporary says:—"The meaning of the telegram is that depositors in the old O. B. C. may apply for shares in the new O. B. C. limited, to the extent of 80 per cent of their deposits."

Four to five thousand mud bags have been manufactured to be ready to fill up any gaps at the Wooning fort that may be made from the loss of the French guns in the event of the forts being shelled by the enemy. Over 200 now of hand have been reported off for the purpose to see for engagements, behind the fort. Yesterday morning (Aug. 25th) 1,000 more bags arrived in the *Teng Yung-chow* and *Chien-ki* from Kiangyin. A few Gatlings have arrived from Fuzhou and have been sent to Chien-ki. Three Russian men-of-war arrived on the 13th Aug.—*Shanghai* Courier.

A telegram in the American papers states that the French ironclad *Sauro* and the gunboat *Albatros* are to leave L'Orient for China on the 16th Aug.

An American paper says:—A new torpedo boat which has recently been exhibited to Government officials at Millford Bay is to be taken to the experiment station at Sandy Hook, where it will undergo still further tests. It is driven and steered by electricity, the operator on shore having perfect control of it, although he may be a mile away.

Mrs. William H. Vanderbilt's treasure vault, in which it is said he recently stowed away some 100,000,000 dollars in securities, is one of the most redoubtable works of defence on the American continent, though you may not be entirely certain of that by surveying the mansion from the outside. Its foundations are laid on the rock; the front wall is five feet in thickness, and the side and rear walls three feet, the materials used being pressed brick with brown stone trimmings. The beams, girders, and main pillars are iron, incased in fire-proof material. The doors, window frames, and minor partitions are iron, marble, and glass. No wood is to be found in the structure. The great vault is 36 by 42 feet, of wrought iron, steel, and Frankfort iron, 12 feet thick, and is supported by four massive pillars, each having effective and known improvement in defensive devices. A massive wall of masonry surrounds the iron work. The vault, which is burglar fire, and water proof, constitutes a distinct building in itself.

WEEK TO BEAT—A calm, warm, and sunny day should be chosen, a windy day should be particularly avoided, for the evaporation from the clothes and the body is then so rapid as to chill the bathers both on entering and leaving the water. Never go into a cold bath when you feel cold. This well applies to all bathers, whether strong or delicate. To make it effective, it is desirable to lose no time after beginning to undress in getting into the water. The best time of the day is two or three hours after eating, and preferably in the forenoon. It may be borne in mind that the beach and the waves themselves are generally cleaner during the ebb tide than during the flood, and it is desirable that the air should be warm at the sea. The sun being well up, the first bath from the beach may be taken, and it should be a very brief one, lasting no longer than is necessary to wet the body from head to foot. In leaving the water, the bather should strip and be rubbed dry immediately. Indolent bathers run more risk by lingering and shivering in their wet clothes than from any amount of swimming.—*Harper's Weekly*.

The following is an approximate list of Chinese men-of-war engaged at Fochow on the 23rd inst.:

Yang-woo, composite corvette, 11 guns, one 11-ton gun (150 lb. shot or shell), 65-pounder Vavasser broad-leading gun, and two 28-pounder brass howitzers, 270 men, Captain Chang Ching.

Yang Hui, 100 men, one seven-ton gun and four Vavasser 50-pounder broad-leading guns.

An-lan, Captain Lim Kok-choon, seven guns, 100 men.

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The Chinese soldiers do not appear to be able to distinguish between the French and German uniforms. The German man-of-war *Nauticus* arrived off the Taku Bar on the 16th August, whereupon the soldiers in the forts got their guns ready for action and prepared for fighting, as they could not tell whether the vessel was a French man-of-war or not.—*N. C. D. News*.

Peking, 24th August.—An Imperial Decree has been issued acknowledging receipt of a despatch from General Lin Ming-chuan, in which he says that the Keding forts have been destroyed by the enemy; after which an attack was made by the Chinese upon the enemy's positions, which were forthwith carried with success, and the victory consequently remained with the Chinese. It likewise appears that when the French man-of-war landed troops, Lin Ming-chuan led soldiers against them, and was thoroughly successful in the engagement, which ensued, the enemy being routed. General Lin is consequently deserving of high praise for these achievements, and it is therefore the Imperial intention to raise his rank. The officers associated with him will also be similarly rewarded. In pursuance of the commands of the Empress Dowager, three thousand taels from the Emperor's private purse, which His Majesty has economized, will be handed to Lin for distribution among those to whom recompense is due. As the forts were condemned as useless in the first instance by Lin Ming-chuan, the defenders of them will not be held responsible for their loss; but should such a disaster occur again, the responsibility will be dealt with summarily according to military law. All those who have been wounded in this engagement are to be reported to the Throne that they may receive consolation and pecuniary rewards.—*N. C. D. News*.

Departure of French fleet from the Min.

A cablegram was received by a firm here this morning from Fochow, to the effect that the French man-of-war were leaving the River Min. Their destination was, of course, unknown.

Information has also been received that some merchant steamers have left Shanghai for Fochow to-day, so that it would appear it is now open to traffic again.

All the forts on the Min have been destroyed.

No force whatever has been landed by the French anywhere. In consequence the foreign community at Fochow are expecting trouble from the hands of vanquished 'braves.'

The English Consulate at the Pagoda Anchorage has been looted. It